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IT IS THE STUDENTS' OPPORTUNITY

Recall, for a moment, the Cornhusker banquet of last fall. The banqueters were University students, dining in honor of their football team, full of the spirit of youth, full of enthusiasm for themselves and for their University. During the course of the banquet, that enthusiasm took the form of an outbreak of animal spirits, as a result of which came the decree that no more banquets would be held.

The University authorities declared that the students, by their conduct at this feast, had shown their inability to respect a University tradition, had demonstrated that the men who were held to be leaders had lacked force to act, and that because of these things, the men would not again be given an opportunity to put the University in a bad light before the public.

The students replied that no faculty members had taken enough interest in the banquet to go to it and see that good order was observed. This was an unusual condition, yet it was a natural outgrowth of the present system of control at Nebraska University.

The student has not been given an opportunity to demonstrate his capacity for self-government. There is no student organization that has a right to speak for the general student body and assume control over student affairs. There is no student organization that holds power through student selection, clothed with authority by the students themselves to assume a control over student activities.

This week the students will be given an opportunity to adopt a plan for a self-government. On Friday the plan for a student council will be submitted to the student vote. If accepted, the students will then have a council, selected by themselves, empowered by themselves to control their activities, and commanding respect by the authority of popular selection; a council which can relieve the faculty of the business of guiding the grown and mature men and women of Nebraska University.

With the student council, Nebraska students will no longer be regarded as infants. The faculty will no longer say that students here cannot govern themselves. The students will no longer have to look to the faculty to keep the students in order. Who shall say that the men and women of the University cannot choose wisely who will regulate their affairs, cannot accept the decision of the majority and maintain an orderly self-government?

The time has come for the students to take upon themselves the burden of self-government. It is inconceivable that they will fail to realize the opportunity afforded them by the election of Friday. If they do, they must submit again to faculty domination and control over their every action, over the things that are peculiarly student functions.

The student council election will be held Friday of this week. The polls will be in the west entrance of Memorial hall. They will be open from 9 to 12 a. m., and from 2 to 5 p. m.

THE SUFFRAGE CAUSE THREATENED

The news that comes from Omaha, that the law passed by the legislature giving the women of Nebraska a limited suffrage, will be submitted to a referendum of the people, and that men identified with the anti-prohibition fight are actively interested in securing the rejection of this law, is a direct challenge to the suffrage of the state. It is, also a challenge to the women of the University of Nebraska, who had an important part to play in the educational campaign of the suffragists. It is a challenge to the University branch of the College Equal Suffrage league, which is expected to bear a large part of the burden of defense for the present law, and of offense for the constitutional amendment granting complete suffrage, that will be voted upon in 1918.

The past year has been marked by an awakening on the part of the so-called "outside" world to the intelligence, force, and leadership in a community of the college men and women. The Nebraska University man is no longer thought of as the peg-top-trousered, jimmy-pip-decorated, college chap of the posters. The Nebraska University woman is no longer held to be a society butterfly. Organizations and causes, that demand intelligent support are becoming accustomed to turn first to the University for aid—and not to turn in vain.

So the suffragists of the state may be expected to turn to the University girls, and ask them, in the midst of their war work, to keep up the fight for the equal franchise. The University suffrage branch was organized to instruct the girls in the principles of the right to vote, get them aroused to the importance of it, and then let them exert their influence in its favor in their homes and in their home communities. The organization was successful in enlisting active interest in the work. It may now expect to be as successful in getting the girls to don their fighting clothes, and combat this latest effort to deny them a voice in the government. It will be interesting to note the response on the part of the University women to this action of the anti-suffragists throughout the state.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Cornhusker Campaign

All persons who have money due them from work done in the Cornhusker subscription campaign are asked to see T. A. Williams, agent of student activities, at once.

Canning Classes

A complete list of the class and

laboratory assignments for the course in-canning this week has been posted in the library. Students are requested to be prompt at all classes.

Large Registration

The University of Illinois claim a total enrollment of 6,828 students in all departments of the University, according to the registration at present. The largest department is the school of liberal arts and sciences, which has 1,776 matriculates.—Ex.

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Fifteen Years Ago Today

At the request of Kansas, the track meet with Nebraska was called off.

Fourteen Years Ago Today

The Nebraska baseball nine was defeated on the home ground 5 to 4 by the Knox college team after a hard fought battle.

Thirteen Years Ago Today

Nebraska defeated Minnesota in a track meet by the score of 62 to 55. Nebraska was especially strong in the shot put and the pole vault.

Twelve Years Ago Today

Nebraska decided to send a team to compete in the field meet to be held at Chicago.

Nine Years Ago Today

There were 43 entries for the spring tryout in debating. The largest number which had previously tried out was 23.

Eight Years Ago Today

Acting Chancellor Samuel Avery was made permanent Chancellor of the University at a meeting of the board of regents in Omaha.

Four Years Ago Today

The "Sphero Styx" a new University dramatic club for the promotion of vaudeville and minstrelsy was organized. The charter members were Ed. Pettis, Leonard P. Finley, Otto Zumbinkle, Russell Swift, Russel Israel, Silas Bryan, Herbert Reese, Fred L. Babcock, Harry Gellatly, Kenneth Snyder, and Fred Archibald.

One Year Ago Today

The new University catalog was published showing a total registration in all the schools and colleges of 4,826.

The varsity tennis team, comprising Chatt, Ellis and Gardiner, left for Des Moines to compete in the annual Missouri valley intercollegiate tennis tournament.

Voting students declared 4 to 1 in favor of both the student council and the single tax.

OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR RED CROSS

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Urges Local Auxiliaries

Mr. Burton outlined the work of the Red Cross and urged students to organize chapters or auxiliary groups in their home communities. "Just as our army is called to stand for the flag that upholds the principles of liberty, freedom and courage, so are we called upon to stand for the flag that upholds humanitarian interests," he declared. "The two flags should fly together."

The local association will offer classes in elementary hygiene, dietetics, bandage work, and the like, as soon as possible, Mr. Burton explained. "These courses will help you not only to serve your country if necessary," he said, "but will give valuable instruction in the care of your own health, home and community."

Indifferent in Food Situation

Professor Pugsley emphasized the seriousness of the food situation in the United States. He expressed surprise at the seeming indifference of the people of Nebraska. "We in the west do not realize what this food shortage means," he said. "We read of food riots in England or France, in New York or Chicago, yet we do not think of the people as really starving."

"There are people in Lincoln who are near starvation," he said, "people who cannot pay \$3 or \$4 for a sack of flour and get all the bread they need, who cannot pay the price asked for potatoes and have all the potatoes they need."

"Last year we consumed one-half bushel per capita more wheat than we produced," he declared. "If we cannot feed ourselves how can we feed our allies who are dependent upon us?"

Predicts Food Control

"I have no doubt," he continued, "but that there will be appointed by our president in the near future, a man who will have the greatest power ever given to a presidential appointee, who will have charge of the food supply of our country."

Professor Pugsley told of recently invented apparatus for drying fruits and vegetables, which is easier and simpler than the process of canning. The drying is done by an electric fan

in twenty-four hours. He also described a grist mill, the cost of which is \$5, with which a man can in twenty minutes grind enough whole wheat flour to last a family of six one week. The flour is as good as can be bought on the market, he said.

"University women have a splendid opportunity of practicing economy in the homes," he concluded. "We ought to realize that every scrap of bread wasted is taking the food from someone who needs it. Apples rotting on trees or vegetables going to waste in the garden must be saved to keep people from starving."

THREE CORNHUSKERS GIVEN AWAY TODAY

Three copies of the 1917 Cornhusker will be given away today. When the books are put on distribution at 1 o'clock this afternoon, three of them will contain coupons entitling the purchaser to a free Cornhusker. The three will be so placed that the books which contain them will all be gone by this evening or early tomorrow morning, and those who come later than that stand a small chance, the management says, of getting one of the free copies.

June 1 has been set as the last day when the deposits left with orders are good. After that date they will be forfeited. The period from today until the first of June is eight days, one day more than the usual time allowed.

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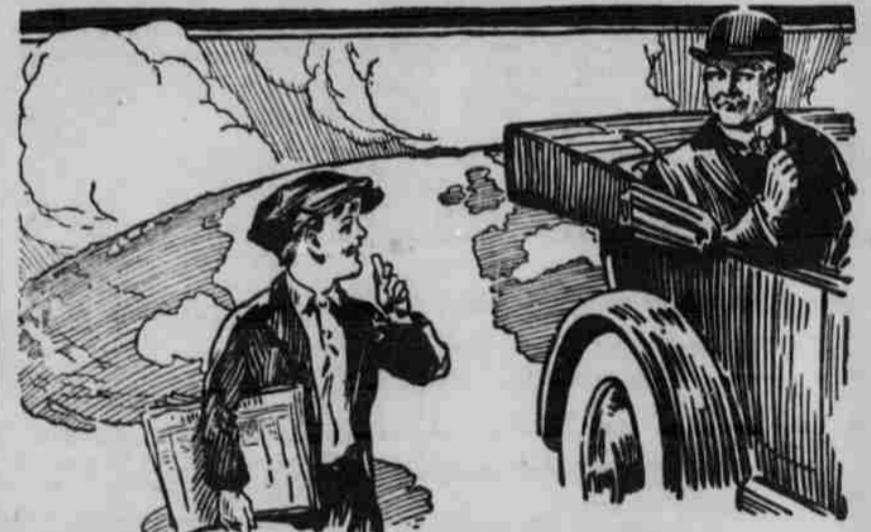
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